

What is claimed is:

1. In an operation unit for an image forming apparatus for executing at least a part of various functions relating to image formation hierarchically by switching a screen, items representative of said various functions are displayed on said screen while being classified and divided from each other.
2. An operation unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said screen includes at least an area for reading image data and an area for setting conditions relating to image data.
3. An operation unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein details of the functions belong to each of said areas are displayed in said area together with other functions.
4. An operation unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein said screen further includes an area assigned to finishing to be executed after image formation.
5. An operation unit as claimed in claim 4, wherein details of the functions belong to each of said areas are displayed in said area together with other functions.
6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said screen includes at least an area for reading image data and an area for setting conditions relating to storage of image data.
7. An operation unit as claimed in claim 6, wherein details of the functions belong to each of said areas are displayed in said area together with other functions.
8. An operation unit as claimed in claim 6, wherein said screen

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further includes an area assigned to finishing to be executed after image formation.

9. An operation unit as claimed in claim 8, wherein details of the functions belong to each of said areas are displayed in said area together with other functions.

10. An operation unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein details of the functions belong to each of said areas are displayed in said area together with other functions.

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